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First season of septic inspections complete

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Nearly 1,100 septic systems were inspected during the first year of a four-year, mandatory septic re-inspection program in Algonquin Highlands.

Representatives from WSP Canada, the firm hired by Algonquin Highlands to conduct its program, gave councillors an update on its progress during a Nov. 15 meeting.

Between May and October, 1,095 systems in the township were inspected, located mostly in the Boshkung, Beech and Maple Lakes area. Of those, 39 per cent, or 426 systems, required some kind of remedial action, however, as project manager Kathryn Stasiuk pointed out, in most cases, that remedial action was simply a pump-out.

Thirty-nine properties required additional investigation. This could have been due to factors such as tree roots interfering with a system, or driveways located over the weeping bed, for example.

"We did recommend those homeowners hire a qualified person," said Paisley McDowell, who'll be the project manager for the program for the upcoming season.

Twenty-four old metal tanks were located, nine of those systems being older than 50 years in age. Stasiuk said those homeowners see INSPECTIONS page 2



Shining a light on the season

Tristan Humphries, Finn Taylor-Bayly and Violet Humphries had a prime viewing spot in a snowbank while watching the Anglican Church's live nativity event held on Bobcaygeon Road in Minden on Nov. 16. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

Fall colours traffic continues to plague AH

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Fall foliage, or rather the thousands of visitors the colourful leaves attract to the area each autumn, continues to be an issue in Algonquin Highlands township.

"So, fall colours are turning out to be the

bane of our existence," Mayor Carol Moffatt said during a Nov. 15 council meeting.

Councillors received a staff report detailing operations at the Dorset tower during the foliage season (colours and visitors tend to peak on Thanksgiving weekend) and another dealing with trespassing problems in Oxtongue Lake, where motorists waiting to enter Algonquin Park often end up on private property.

"The number are tremendous at the tower," Moffatt said.

The staff report showed that during the last weekend of September and the first two weekends of October, there was a combined total of more than 2,200 walk-up visitors to the tower, nearly 1,900 cars and more than 50 buses through its gates.

With limited parking at the site, many

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Inspections continue in 2019

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were spoken to about the decommissioning of those systems and why metal tanks are environmentally dangerous. They are no longer permitted under the Ontario Building Code.

A metal tank means property owners will automatically fail their inspections, and for the upcoming season, Stasiuk said there would be an option for property owners with metal tanks to apply for a building permit to construct a new system and forgo the inspection. Inspections for systems newer than five years old are deferred under the program.

"To me, the most important thing is getting the metal tanks out of the systems," said Mayor Carol Moffatt. While Moffatt conceded that some residents have taken issue with the mandatory nature of the program, she said she thought there had also been a great deal of education and that some residents seem to

appreciate learning more about their systems and the ecological importance of having them operating properly.

"They finally understood the whole process, and why it's important to keep things moving," she said.

Thirty-four property owners were not present for their scheduled inspections, which were deferred to the upcoming season.

In 2019, inspections will take place in the Kushog, Halls and Kabakwa Lakes areas. 2019 inspections will also include an inspection of system pumping chambers, where problems can occur.

Moffatt said a blue-green algae bloom that appeared in the township this past summer should underscore the importance of the re-inspection program and lake health.

"I think the blue-green algae bloom that we had this year needs to be a warning bell," she said.

Visitors trespass through woods

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visitors end up parking along Highway 35 or along roadways close to the tower. To avoid paying the admission fee, some visitors park in these areas then hike up through the woods to reach the tower.

One visitor described the scene as being akin to a zombie apocalypse, with hordes of people wandering through the forest.

Park, rec and trails manager Chris Card told councillors that some motorists, after driving past the entrance, will then pull U-turns on Highway 35.

"That was the concern, that someone was going to get hurt," said Moffatt.

The township had 10 staff members working at the tower during Thanksgiving weekend, but Card indicated that up-staffing to 13 or 14 people would likely be required to adequately handle the volume of traffic.

The township also hires paid-duty OPP officers to help manage traffic.

While the tower property has limited parking space, Card noted that adding parking spaces would not allow for any more people to use the tower at any one time.

"We've turned vehicles away at the end of the day," he said. "If we're adding parking, we're not adding capacity."

Along with additional staff, some of Card's suggestions for the future included additional highway signage to warn motorists of the

traffic congestion; hand stamps for visitors to eliminate instances of trespassing through the forest; additional washrooms; increased fees to offset increased operating costs; and contacting tour bus companies ahead of time to see what time their buses will be arriving.

Moffatt also suggested looking at a timed entry model, where visitors would need to book a visit to the tower in advance, be given a time at which to show up and a time limit on how long they can stay.

In Oxtongue Lake, while local roads were "closed" with signage during the weeks of fall colours, trespassing by visitors to Algonquin Park continued.

"An area of concern was individuals trespassing on the cottage property on Elliot Road at the Highway 60 Bridge," read a report from bylaw officer Dave Rogers and public works director Adam Thorn. "At times there were between 20 to 30 persons on the private property and using the docks owned by the property owner. Staff did ask the people to leave the property and had a good response and no incidents occurred. There is a concern of safety when dealing with large numbers of people while working alone."

The township plans to erect actual barricades next fall, in addition to the signage, and staff will be looking into the cost of hiring private security to help deal with the issues in the hamlet.

African acrobatics kick off Razzamataz season

Africa Land Circus, by Kalabanté Productions, launched the 2018/2019 season of Razzamataz Kids' Shows! with a show featuring vibrant music, energetic dancing and awe-inspiring acrobatic stunts. The series, which is open to theatregoers of any age, continues on Jan. 20, 2019 with Mistatim, on Feb. 10 with Millan and Faye Present: The Opera and on April 28 with Somebody Loves You, Mr. Hatch. For more information, visit www.razzamataz.ca/ SUE TIFFIN Staff



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MEETINGS & EVENTS

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Meetings are held in the Minden Council Chambers, 7 Milne St.

Nov 22 - 9:00 AM, Combined COTW/Council Meeting

Dec 3 - 7:00 PM, Inaugural Meeting of Council

Dec 13 - 9:00 AM, Combined COTW/Council Meeting

For Council, Boards & Advisory Committee meetings, visit [www.mindenhills.ca](#)

Note: Council meetings are reduced to one (1) for the months of November and December

INAUGURAL COUNCIL MEETING

Please take notice there will be an Inaugural Meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills held on Monday December 3rd, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at 7 Milne Street, Minden.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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This house along Highway 118 near Carnarvon was destroyed by fire on the morning of Nov. 14. / SUBMITTED



Two fires in four days claim structures, vehicles

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

Two fires not far from Carnarvon just days apart destroyed a house and a shed, respectively, but left no one injured.

Just before 6 a.m. on the morning of Wednesday, Nov. 14, firefighters from the Algonquin Highlands and Minden Hills fire departments responded to a call for a house fire along Highway 118, just outside of Carnarvon near Tulip Road. Firefighters found the home fully engulfed, and it was destroyed in the blaze. One occupant of the house was sent to hospital with smoke inhalation, but was OK, according

to the homeowner. There were 20 firefighters on scene, using three pumpers, two tankers and four support vehicles. The highway was briefly closed to traffic. The Ontario Fire Marshal was called to investigate.

Then, at approximately 1 p.m. on the afternoon of Sunday, Nov. 16, members of the Algonquin Highlands and Dysart et al fire departments responded to a call for a structure fire on Barry Line Road. The 60-by-30-foot shed contained numerous recreational vehicles, including some ATVs, a lawnmower, boat and travel trailer. According to Algonquin Highlands fire chief Mike Cavanagh, the building and its contents were a complete loss. No one was injured, and 25 firefighters attended the scene.

AH defers library decision to next council

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

What will become of the Dorset branch of the Haliburton County Public Library will be a decision for the next Algonquin Highlands council.

Councillors officially deferred that decision during a Nov. 15 meeting.

For more than a year, councillors have been discussing the possibility of turning the area within the Dorset Recreation Centre that has housed the library branch into a multi-use space. Circulation figures from the branch, which is open eight hours a week, are low, and there has been discussion of providing a book-drop service, where residents could still pick up and drop off books ordered from the library. That sort of model would mean there would no longer be books on shelves to peruse, per se.

In a survey the township conducted regarding the facility during the summer, 76 per cent of respondents said they supported the concept of a book-drop service and 70 per cent said they supported the idea of township-run, community hub space in the area that has housed the Dorset branch of the county library. Such a hub would be open 40 hours per week, the same as the rec centre.

During last week's meeting, councillors accepted an updated version of the survey results, which included some public comments that had not been included in a previous draft due to a discrepancy between the online and paper versions of the survey.

As they come to the end of their four-year term, councillors agreed to leave the matter in the hands of the incoming council.

"My understanding from the previous meeting is that this decision would be carried to the next council," said Mayor Carol Moffatt. "Is that what this council wants to do?"

Councillors nodded in agreement.

Three of the five members of Algonquin Highlands will remain the same in the new term, with Moffatt and Ward 2 councillors Lisa Barry and Liz Danielsen each reclaiming their seats by acclamation.

New councillors will be Julia Shortreed in Ward 1 and Jennifer Dailloux in Ward 3.

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Give local

WITH A HOST of yuletide festivities getting underway in the county, it would appear that the Christmas season is upon us.

From the lighting up of Minden last weekend, to the Santa Claus parades and Festival of Trees this upcoming weekend, the community is getting dressed up in green and red.

And white. Mother Nature

has, uh . . . blessed us with an early, mid-November snowfall that seems to be taking up residency. Just really making itself at home. Not going anywhere any time soon. While the scenario may not be ideal to some of us, it does bring with it a certain Christmas-y feeling, one that may even be spurring residents to get to work on tackling their holiday shopping lists.

When doing your gift shopping this season, please remember to give some thought to local business owners. In an area that still has a largely seasonal economy, winter can be a lean time, and a little influx of Christmas cash could go a long way for some businesses. It may be true that the county does not have the kind of selection that allows all of us to do all of our Christmas shopping locally, but almost certainly there are some items on your list that can found within the county.

And while the shops of Bobcaygeon Road and Highland Street may be the first thing that comes to mind when we consider shopping locally, remember there are plenty of other businesses that provide plentiful gift-giving opportunities, too.

Perhaps this year, rather than things, you give your loved ones experiences; a day of dogsledding or ice climbing or ice fishing or skiing. Or gift certificates for local restaurants or accommodations.

Or maybe you visit one of the many artists' studios throughout the Haliburton Highlands. Gifts of jewelry or pottery

or art are great because of their uniqueness. Local art is also a fantastic gift idea if you want to give someone a gift that is representative of the Haliburton Highlands.

The benefits of shopping locally are well-documented. The money you spend stays in the community, it helps create and maintain jobs, and you are supporting your friends and neighbours.

If you prefer to give a gift that is a donation, there are numerous non-profit and charitable groups throughout the county that are always looking for help, particularly at this time of year.

Happy shopping.



CHAD INGRAM
Reporter

Kwarky



"All agreed...we buy low and sell high."

Trial by fire

I HAVE BEEN reading and watching a lot of videos about "bushcraft" of late just to see what I've been missing since I last studied it many years ago. As a result I have come to the conclusion that modern bushcraft, as practiced by a new generation of YouTube hipsters, is the art and science of doing everything in the outdoors the most difficult way you possibly can.

The best example of this is the compulsion to start a fire with every tool known to mankind except matches and a lighter.

If the YouTube videos I'm watching are any indication at all, starting a fire the modern way is frowned upon because your matches and lighter could be left at home or rendered unusable by excessive moisture.

This leads me to believe the modern bushcraft world has never heard of Zip-loc bags or waterproof containers.

I get it. Lighters and matches can fail. More importantly, how many hits will you get if you do a YouTube video about starting a fire with either of those tried and true things?

That's why I also carry a flint and steel and a magnesium stick in my pack. They're fun to use – but honestly, I have never actually had to use them. Such is the miracle of a good Zip-loc bag.

Another argument YouTube bushcrafters use is "What are you going to do if you forget your lighter or matches at home?"

The answer is not have a fire and go home.

If I truly need one though, I will employ one of the best outdoor techniques for staying warm that I know of. I will attempt

to make and start a fire with a bow drill. Having done this a couple of times when I was young and curious, I can assure you by the time you actually start a fire with a bow drill you won't actually need one.

There are hardcore bushcrafters who will tell you they want to start a fire with a bow drill because it is a low technology way of doing things and they want to be proficient at it. I'd buy that if not for the fact that many bushcraft experts on YouTube are using custom bow drill top spindle blocks made of beautiful hardwoods with

ball bearing inserts to help the spindle turn better. They also use the finest paracord on the bow and very expensive modern knives to carve the spindle, notch and board. I even watched one primitive expert use a moisture meter, which is something I'd probably forget before I forgot my lighter.

I'm also suspect of the authenticity of these folks because bow drill kits are now

being sold on eBay – ironically, for about the price of 12 lighters and a Zip-Loc bag.

It's also interesting to note these primitive technologists use cotton balls impregnated with petroleum jelly – arguably one of the most ancient of jellies – as tinder. In fact they carry tinder boxes filled with them – which is smart if you ask me, provided you don't forget them at home.

But – and hear me out – if you have gone to that amount of trouble to ensure your fire takes hold, why not just use a lighter or matches? Hey, no one needs to know. I mean, in a survival situation, you sometimes have to do what you have to do.

Right?



STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

A world on fire

THROUGH SNOWFLAKE-speckled windows I watch stately trees sagging beneath the weight of the early November snowfall. It is a winter picture that denies the existence of wildfires.

Yet the wildfires are there, on the television screens, in newspaper stories and photos and on social media sites. Walls of flames consuming huge pieces of California, its people and their possessions.

The images are only camera views, and they come from 2,000-plus miles away, so they are no threat and can be forgotten easily. They shouldn't be because wildfires are an increasing threat to our country, and the world.

This year alone there have been 6,845 wildfires in Canada, more than double the 25-year average of 3,000. They burned 2.2 million hectares of land and forests. Last year 5,305 wildfires burned 3.4 million hectares.



JIM POLING SR.

From Shaman's Rock

Ontario alone had 1,325 fires that consumed 276,356 hectares in 2018, and that's close to double the annual average of 757 fires burning 111,487 hectares. A July fire was close to home, burning 11,000 hectares in the Parry Sound area, threatening to shut down Highway 69.

We Canadians tend to think of wildfires as forest fires that burn bushes, trees, and cause grief to wildlife. In fact, they are becoming more of a threat to the places where we live, our homes and our other possessions.

A most recent and terrifying example is the Fort McMurray, Alberta fire of 2016. Upwards of 88,000 people in the city and surrounding areas were evacuated – the largest wildfire evacuation in Canadian history. Also, it was the costliest disaster in Canadian history.

No one died directly in the fire, however, thousands of lives were changed.

My own family history tells a lot about how wildfires change lives. My grandparents and their young family escaped from the Great Minnesota Fires that destroyed their hometown of Cloquet, near Duluth, in 1918. I remember a photograph of my grandmother holding my father and his older brother as she stood in water (likely the St. Louis River) as flames engulfed their town.

Hundreds of people died in the fires and many hundreds more lost their homes and jobs. The paper mill where my grandfather worked was destroyed. He moved the family to Canada to get work in another mill.

The Cloquet fire that changed my family history was touched off by human activity - sparks from a train. Roughly one third of wildfires are started by human activity. Lightning strikes cause the rest.

The increase in wildfires is not just a North American thing. The number of fires this year across Europe is up 40 percent on average.

With statistics showing wildfires becoming more frequent, we must work harder to reduce human causes, plus find fresh ways to control fires when they start and reduce the areas that they burn.

The best way to achieve that is to listen to the experts. There are thousands of wildfire and climate experts with the science backgrounds and experience needed to find solutions. They need to have a bigger voice in saying how we can lessen the threat.

One person who thinks he is an expert, but definitely is not, is the president of the United States who says that wildfires can be prevented by raking the forest floors.

"We gotta take care of the floors, you know, the floors of the forest. Very important," he said during a tour of the California devastation in which he mistakenly called the burned out town of Paradise, "Pleasure."

One of the scientists worth listening to is Australian David Bowman, a global wildfire expert often quoted in the world media.

"Growing cities, poor planning, recurring heat waves, more people living closer to forests and more combustible landscapes have together created a more fire-prone world," Bowman has said. Add in climate change, which is accelerating ecological instability.

"It is causing fire seasons to start earlier and finish later. We are seeing more severe, more intense and longer lasting wildfires causing more loss of life and property. Fires used to be seen as local, but we should see them as part of a global-scale phenomenon."

Wildfires are a threat to our future. We need to take that threat seriously.

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letters to the editor

We see you

To the Editor,

On Saturday the Ontario PC Party voted to advance a policy motion suggesting that gender identity, gender expression, and transgender rights were somehow political ideology, and that any discussion of such should be removed from Ontario schools and the curriculum. As local educators, we must express our dismay with the PC party's attempt to politicize its own transphobia. Transgendered persons are real. They exist. They exist in our communities, and they exist in our schools. For educators, they are our students. They are not theories, they are not ideologies, and they deserve to be treated respectfully and as the diverse individuals they are.

Educators watch the statistics play themselves out in our schools everyday: three in four trans students have been targets of mockery or bullying. One in five have been physically or sexu-

ally assaulted because of their gender identity/ expression. Nearly half of transgender teens have attempted suicide, a shocking statistic that drops to less than five per cent when they get support from family members.

Since 2014 the Ontario Human Rights Code has prohibited discrimination on the basis of gender identity or gender expression. To our trans students I say we see you. We stand in solidarity with you, and we demand that our local MPP Laurie Scott, Minister of Education Lisa Thompson, and Premier of Ontario Doug Ford disavow and denounce this hateful policy and that they work with partners in the education sector to ensure that all students receive the safe and caring public education to which they are entitled.

Colin Matthew, President OSSTF District 15 for local public high school teachers

Walk like a bear!

IAM THRILLED to see that the fitness industry is embracing the importance of mobility. More and more "movement gyms" are popping all over the place. These facilities have little in the way of machines and lots of space to move in any way that the body can.

While the activities we've been doing for years are great, they are not helping much in the fight against the amount of sitting that we are doing. I have loved cycling for a very long time, but I have come to realize that sitting on a bike and moving only my legs can only do so much for me. Even running, jogging or walking doesn't work the entire body that needs to move.

My biggest goal in life is to continue to be able to get up and down from the floor. The only way I can maintain that skill is to continue to do it daily. I still do push-ups daily but now I've added a few more movements. One of them is the bear walk (also known as the bear crawl). In theory, it is simple to do. You put your hands on the floor and walk on all fours. In practice, it's not that easy. It does take time to develop the strength and endurance to move for any distance in this position.

Here's how to get started:

- Pick a space with some moving room. A

hallway is great.

- Place your hands, palms down, on the floor in front of you. Spread your fingers for maximum contact with the floor.

- Your feet are no more than shoulder width apart.

- Move your right hand and left foot forward in unison to take the first step. Repeat with the left hand and right foot.

- Continue as far as you can.

The ultimate goal is keep your arms and legs stiff while keeping your heels on the ground while you bear walk. I am nowhere near that stage. As I work at it I am becoming more flexible in that way, and you will too.

There are many variations on the bear walk. The easiest way is moving forward, so start with that. Once you're comfortable going forward try going backward. It's more work for your arms and shoulders, and it takes some extra

thinking too. That makes this movement a workout for your brain as well as your body. What a deal!

Something to think about.

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LAURIE SWEIG

Practical Fitness

Toy drive coming up

DORSET NEWS

Lee Ross

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Dorset's annual Food and Toy Drive is taking place on Wednesday, Dec. 5. Vehicles will be departing Lions Camp Dorset at 6 p.m.

Please leave a porch light on or signal by flashing light. If you're unsure if we'll be coming by your place, please call Clint MacKay at 766-2249 or Barb Townes at 766-2108. The vehicles will be identified by four-way flashing lights. As always, Santa will be travelling to houses with children!

Every year, for one reason or another,

houses get missed. If you do get missed, or you won't be home, contributions can be left at Dorset Timber Mart, Robinson's General Store and Tower Hill Marine for a week after.

Please also note that the Salvation Army cannot distribute out-of-date goods, so please check labels.

Don't forget that the Dorset Christmas Tree Lighting is happening Sunday, Nov. 25. Festivities kick off at 4 p.m. at the Pavilion to decorate it, with the tree lighting at 4:30 p.m. next to the Dorset Fire Hall.

Happy birthday to Mike Baum and Matthew Woods. For birthdays and submissions please send them to burgesslt@me.com.

Mary Poppins, TorQ and Trudeau part of 20th HSF season

by **SUE TIFFIN**
Times Staff

Beloved magical nanny Mary Poppins is coming to Haliburton next summer, opening the 20th season of the Highlands Summer Festival with a musical the whole family will enjoy.

The line-up for the Highlands Summer Festival, which begins next June, was announced on Nov. 18 at McKeck's Tap and Grill in Haliburton.

"Guaranteed to steal your heart, this tune-filled musical will be a must see for everyone in the family," said Scot Denton, artistic director, of the Mary Poppins announcement. "Like the fabled nanny herself, you'll fall in love all over again with the practically perfect classic songs like 'A Spoonful of Sugar,' 'Chim Chim Cheree,' 'Let's Go Fly a Kite,' and the tongue-twisting 'Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious,' as they come to life in the beloved musical."

Youth tickets for all three matinee performances of Mary Poppins will be offered for \$20, giving those 18 and under the chance to see the show at a reduced rate. Matinees will be held July 1, 5 and 7 at 2 p.m. Evening performances will be held June 30, July 2 to 4 and July 8 and 9 at 7:30 p.m.

In mid-July, the focus will switch from singing to dancing, with Richard Alfieri's Six Dance Lessons in Six Weeks taking the stage.

"The show pairs a gay dance instructor with the elderly wife of a Baptist minister in a Florida setting," said Denton. As the lessons play out, personalities clash and sparks fly until the surprising conclusion of the show, which opened in Los Angeles before moving to Broadway. Performances take place July 15 to 18 at 7:30 p.m., July 19 and 21 at 2 p.m. and July 22 and 23 at 7:30 p.m.

"And if dancing is not your thing, perhaps a round of golf has appeal," said Denton, introducing The Ladies Foursome, the third production of the Highlands Summer Festival. The play, written by Norm Foster, features three friends who head out to the links for a memorial round, following the funeral of their golf partner. Filling the missing spot is another acquaintance of the deceased, who is unknown to the other three. As



Highlands Summer Festival president Jack Brezina speaks during the announcement of the upcoming season's lineup on Nov. 18. /DAVID ZILTSTRA Staff

they chat their way through 18 holes, surprises, secrets and confessions come to the surface during what the HSF press release says is a hilarious and heartwarming round of golf.

Performances of The Ladies Foursome run from July 29 to Aug. 1 at 7:30 p.m., August 2 and 4 at 2 p.m., and Aug. 6 to 8 at 7:30 p.m.

"We have some interesting offerings in our town concert slots," said Denton. "Trudeau Stories is a one-woman show written and performed by Brooke Johnson." Johnson became friends with Pierre Elliot Trudeau in 1985, and gives personal insight into their surprising friendship. The story has been receiving acclaim throughout the country. Trudeau Stories will be featured in the evening on July 10 and 11, and for a matinee on July 12.

TorQ percussion quartet, one of Canada's premiere percussion ensembles, will make some noise on the stage on July

24, 25 and during a matinee on July 26. The quartet is committed to making percussion music accessible to audiences that span generations.

"We have crafted a varied and entertaining mix of productions this season and we think the program will appeal to a broad cross-section of our community," said Denton.

Passes for the 20th season of the Highlands Summer Festival are now on sale for \$160 for all five productions. Single ticket prices are \$37.50. Passes can be ordered by calling 705-457-9933 or 855-457-9933, or online through a secure ticket portal at highlandsummerfestival.on.ca. Performances are held at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton.

"There is something here for everyone and we look forward to seeing you at the theatre," said Highlands Summer Festival president Jack Brezina.

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Interfering with plows can result in a tow

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

With snowfall in the county beginning in earnest last week, residents may want to remember that if their parked vehicles interfere with snow removal operations, those vehicles can be towed.

Councillors on Haliburton County's roads advisory committee reviewed the associated bylaw during a Nov. 14 committee meeting, as it was updated with names of current roads department staff who are recognized as enforcement officers, able to issue notices.

"So, essentially what we do is we'll put a notice on the windshield and/or knock on the door, to say move your car, or worst case, we'll have to tow it, and then contact the police as well," county public works director Craig Douglas told committee members.

"I'm just wondering about the timing of that," said Algonquin Highlands Deputy Mayor Liz Danielsen. "If you put a notice on the car . . . if that's a one-time thing, or . . . what process do you follow before you tow it away?"

"Since I've been here, we've never towed a car," Douglas said. "If it's really a danger, then we would have to do that. Honestly, we'll put a notice and another notice, and try to do everything we can before we tow it. I haven't had to make that difficult decision."

He said notices are typically issued within villages, "where you're trying to plow against a curb, and you have cars parked there overnight."

Douglas said residents are usually quite accommodating once they've been asked to move their vehicles.

"It isn't exclusive just to winter," Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin said of parking issues, referencing the problems Minden Hills has been having with people accessing the Queen Elizabeth II Wildlands Provincial Park, leaving vehicles parked along township roadways in such a way that they obstruct traffic. Concerned residents recently made presentations to Minden Hills council. The park is currently non-operational, which means it has no facilities such as parking lots, which leaves visitors leaving their vehicles wherever they please.

"If it doesn't go operational, in Minden Hills, we will become a lot more aggressive," Devolin said. "We have some zones that are problematic, and we will take a more aggressive, hands-on approach."

Dysart et al Deputy Mayor Andrea Roberts wondered if the county issued fines with the notices.

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Time to test your home for radon concentration

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

Safeguarding yourself against unhealthy levels of radon exposure will go a long way to decreasing your chance of developing lung cancer says Health Canada, which is raising the issue this November with its national radon awareness program during the National Radon Action Month and Lung Cancer Awareness Month.

When it comes to the cause of lung cancer deaths radon is second only to smoking in Canada.

There is an estimate of 21,000 Canadians, who will die from lung cancer this year and that includes 3,000 to exposure to radon indoors.

Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that is found in the rocks, soil and water, according to the World Health Organization. Radon has no smell, colour or taste. It originates in the ground and is released from the natural radioactive decay of uranium. It gets into buildings through openings between the foundation and the ground such as cracks in the basement and the sump pump hole.

Health Canada's radiation specialist Mainul Husain said radon is a naturally occurring gas.

"Wherever there is soil there is radon," he said.

Husain said November was chosen to raise awareness about radon because this is the time of year when many Canadians are keeping windows and doors closed, which leaves people more susceptible to radon. Another reason is the Lung Association of Canada, which is promoting lung cancer awareness month in November. The association said more Canadians die from lung cancer than breast, colon, ovarian, and prostate cancers combined.

Homeowners are encouraged to perform a radon test for themselves or hire professional certified under the C-NRPP (Canadian National Radon Proficiency Program) to conduct a test to determine the level of radon in a home. For a list of certified measurement professionals please call 1-855-722-6777 or go to www.c-nrpp.ca.

Health Canada recommends homeowners who perform their own test with a radon testing kit conduct testing in the winter months when windows and doors of a home are predominantly closed to collect an accurate average of the radon levels in a home for at least three months, or 91 days to a maximum of one year.

The two main radon detectors available to consumers are the alpha track detector and the electret ion chamber. Husain recommends the alpha track detector, which looks like a conventional hockey puck, but smaller, and was the detector of choice by Canada when it came to the government study on radon sev-

eral years ago. He adds the alpha track is not only smaller and less bulky than the electret ion chamber, but they are far cheaper (starting at \$30 compared to \$80). The alpha is also more effective, as it isn't susceptible to "gamma background radiation."

Husain said it's important that windows or doors not be opened for more than two minutes during the testing period to avoid false data readings.

"I know it's difficult for most of the families especially families with younger children so that's why we recommend do the long-term testing. Live your normal life and at the end of the three months time get your test results. In fact, the longer you test you'll get a better result," he said.

Once the package to either detector is opened, the collection will begin. Be sure when purchasing your detector to check to see if lab results are included in the cost.

Placement of the radon detector is key to getting an accurate result. Ensure it is in the lowest living space of the house where people spend four hours per day. He said placing the detectors is key. They shouldn't be placed by the sump pump hole, laundry machines, bathrooms, kitchens, or anywhere there is a opening to the foundation. Another factor to radon concentration is that is highly soluble in water.

"Any place where there is high water [there will] be high radon," he said. "We definitely don't want that situation because that will give a false positive test result."

If a family doesn't spend four hours in the basement then he recommends the detector be placed on the main floor.

The danger related to radon is when exposure reaches high concentrations. The strange thing with radon is how levels can vary from home to home that are located next to each other.

Reducing levels of radon can be as simple as increasing ventilation in the basement to enable an exchange of air to sealing cracks and openings in basement floors, walls, around pipes and drains. There are other options that can be performed by contractors certified under the C-NRPP.

He adds repairs start with fixing cracks in the foundation and can include the installation of a mitigation system, which can cost anywhere from \$1,500 to \$3,000. He recommends professional testing for large commercial buildings such as office buildings. A typical fee for a professional tester is close to \$300.

New homeowners in Ontario can be eligible for a financial break when it comes to repairs.

Homes less than seven years old are eligible to claim \$15,000 for any radon-related repairs under the Tarion warranty, which is provided by the builder and administered by Tarion. An approved radon testing kit with results conducted by a certified lab is required (or a professional conduct the test) to make a claim. The website (www.tarion.com) said the Tarion Warranty Corporation was created in 1976 to serve as the regulator of new home builders and administer the new home warranty plan to protect new home buyers in Ontario.

Testing for radon is recommended following two years after a mitigation system is installed and then five years after that. A mitigation system is used to create an active soil depressurization by moving air through a pipe from the foundation to the outside through the wall of the home to the outside by a fan installed to run constantly.



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The Red Hawks varsity hockey team trainer Brett Caputo, at back, from left, Jacob Mitchell, Tyson Clements, Braeden Robinson, Nik Dollo, Joe Boice, Nigel Smith, Alex Little, Desi Davies, Dylan Keefer and head coach Jason Morissette. Shawn Walker, assistant captain, from left, Jaxson Campbell, Owen Gilbert, Zach Morissette, Benn MacNaull, Carson Sisson, Owen Smith, captain. Absent for the photo are players Ethan Glecoff, Jacob Haedicke and Lucas Haedicke, and assistant coach Clay Glecoff. The Hawks home opener is against Campbellford at 1:15 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 22 at the A.J. LaRue Arena. /DARREN LUM Staff

Hawks hockey team gives an assist to Heat Bank

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

This year’s Red Hawks hockey team is winning off the ice by giving an assist to the community organization, the Heat Bank Haliburton County.

The varsity boys’ hockey team chose to partner with the Heat Bank, which helps struggling county residents heat their homes through the winter, among other initiatives.

Hawks head coach Jason Morissette, who thought the launch of this effort was timely given the past week was the Week of Kindness, said this initiative will provide his student players life lessons that go beyond the game of hockey.

“Hockey is not always about winning,” he said. “You’re not always going to win everything. It’s also about helping. Helping each other. Helping the people. It’s also about self-sacrifice because you might be in role or a position you’ve got ... it reflects really well on life. Sometimes you’ve got to make an assist to take a hit to give your [teammate] a breakaway. Sometimes you got to come back and help out your goalie and it’s a lot of work. You don’t really want to do it, but you have to do it. It’s all those things. They’re all important.”

During every home game the team will accept donations on behalf of the Heat Bank from the public. All of these donations will go directly to the Heat Bank. The team has also committed to volunteer their time to split wood (and possibly deliver it) on Dec. 1 at Abbey Gardens. There is a hope to add

more dates to their schedule and possibly more ways to raise awareness and money for the charitable organization.

The team’s home opener is against Campbellford at 1:15 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 22 at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton.

Morissette said relationships between hockey teams and their community isn’t an entirely new concept, but could still see how this endeavour is a win for everyone. This is Morissette’s first year as the head coach after being the assistant for the past two years and a “helper” for several years before for Ron Yake. He appreciated the support from the new high school principal Chris Boulay.

He said this initiative will enable his players to bond as a group and become a family.

Love is at the heart of this community outreach effort by the team.

“These guys all love their county. They love Haliburton County. They love the towns they all come from. They all come from different towns. They’re just open to helping out,” he said. “It’s looking to get them involved with volunteering ... it’s good for building morale and team spirit.”

Morissette chose to partner with the Heat Bank to raise its profile and because of the widespread need and how it serves people throughout the entire Highlands, including high school students.

“Every town uses that organization ... every kid in our school and every kid in our community and every person in our community can [access it]. It’s a county-wide initiative. That was a big part of it. The other is a lot of these guys can connect with it.”

Heat Bank co-ordinator Tina Jackson welcomed this partnership.

“We are beyond thrilled with this new partnership! Working together to overcome challenges and to celebrate wins is something both of our teams are focused on. We at Heat Bank are looking at this as an assist from a fantastic team of players to help reach our goal of ensuring that no one goes cold this winter. It’s a community power play!” she wrote in an email.

The team’s captain Owen Smith, is hoping he and his teammates can offer more help than just the one wood splitting day. He is looking forward to following through with not just the wood splitting date, but also to raise awareness of the organization among the public. He believes in giving back to a community because it has been there for him and his family, who have endured some challenges recently when his father was injured. He encourages the public to come out and donate to the Heat Bank.

“They’re giving their time everyday. It’s a big part in our community so give as much as you can,” he said.

Jackson appreciated how this partnership fosters youth involvement.

“This is also a great opportunity to continue to celebrate youth involvement in our community. What a great way for these players to know that they have the power to make a difference and I know we can have some fun along the way,” she said.

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Minden team advances to Junior Slam Series

The Minden U18 Mens' Curling Team of Griffen Bowers, lead, left, Liam Little, second, Aidan Bowers, vice and Evan Roitz, skip, stand with their coach Scotty Boyd at the Pegasus Junior Slam in Orillia during the Nov. 10/11 weekend. The boys competed in the same event last year and finished seventh after pool play during the round-robin format event and placed second in the final. This year the team went undefeated through round-robin to earn a berth to the final late Sunday where they took their only loss at the event by a point. The Minden rink was tied going into the eighth end without the hammer. The boys played well throughout the entire weekend and were very pleased with their showing in this event. We took home an \$800 prize; and secured our spot to compete in the Junior Slam Series' Players' Championship in Guelph next March. Thanks to our very generous sponsors the boys were able to afford new team wear this year. / Photo submitted by Michelle Roitz.



Location of detectors important

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"It's a preemptive measure. Before radon enters your home it will be thrown out of your house by your system," Husain said.

Husain said there isn't specific guidelines for frequency of radon testing. Ultimately, it's up to the homeowner, but he recommends a test be performed every four or five years. Any structural changes performed to a building such as renovations, whether that includes a new furnace or windows should prompt a radon test.

The risk to home owners and their families is related to the levels of radon, the length of time one is exposed and whether you also smoke. The government of Canada web page said radon is measured in becquerels per cubic metre. For instance 1 Bq = 1 radioactive disintegration per second. One example, a household with a radon level of 200 becquerels per cubic metre, or Bq/m³, where a smoker who has 70 years of exposure has a 17 per cent risk of developing lung cancer compared to two per cent for a non-smoker.

Health Canada recommends a level of 200 Bq/m³, which Husain said is a "compromise" and falls between the recommended levels of 100 Bq/m³ and the higher limit of 300 Bq/m³, as outlined by the World Health Organization. From the WHO website, it said "If this level [of 100 Bq/m³] cannot be implemented under the prevailing country-specific conditions, WHO recommends that the reference level should not exceed 300 Bq/m³." The US recommended level is 150.

Husain said anyone interested in lowering radon levels by leaving windows open cannot mitigate the continuous exposure like an active system can. However an HVAC system can help homes with "low to moderate" levels, but it has limitations. He said the maximum rating in which it will help is if the radon concentration is 400 Bq/m³. He referred to studies that indicated an HVAC system will help to reduce radon by 50 per cent.

When asked if a drafty old house is less prone to high levels of radon concentration, Husain said that's likely the case. He referred to a scientific Calgary study from last year, which came to the conclusion that "newer homes are worse than older homes for radon because the newer homes are built so air tight." Husain emphasized in Health Canada's studies on radon there wasn't a direct correlation made to the age of the house. Radon levels are related to the condition of the house, whether there were numerous cracks in the foundation, which he calls "the main entry point for radon."

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Parent Outreach grant program paused

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

A decision by the provincial government to place a “pause” on some funding, which includes the Parent Outreach (PRO) grant, is leaving local school and parent councils scrambling to make up the difference.

During question period last month, Education Minister Lisa Thompson announced there wouldn't be any Parent Outreach grants awarded until further notice, as funding for a number of programs would

be put on “pause,” as reported by the CBC.

Thompson added the pause will remain “as the government re-evaluates its financial priorities for public education.” The province has also said this decision was based on an effort to resolve the “fiscal hole” left behind by the previous provincial government and will ensure protection of healthcare and education.

Area councils have used the grant (capped at \$1,000) for the past several years and have come to use the money to facilitate engagement between parents/guardians and schools

and outreach programming. Around the province the grant has helped school councils with programming related to literacy, mathematics, science, technology, bullying, mental health, health and wellness, Indigenous education, culture and fitness.

J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School school council co-chairperson Sam Itani, who started her involvement with school councils at Stuart Baker Elementary School and also supports the Trillium Lakelands District School Board District School Council as one of two Haliburton County co-chairpersons on the Parent Involvement Committee, is uncertain about booking speakers or organizing any future events asking, “what next?”

“The outcome of all of this is that it compromises our ability to support, provide resources for and connect with our parents/guardians through the school, and this is really unfortunate, as ultimately it impacts students and families, the intended beneficiaries of PRO grant funding and of our collective efforts. That is what these grants are all about: to support projects focused on engaging parents who may experience barriers such as language, transportation, socioeconomic, newness to Ontario's education system or other factors,” she wrote in an email.

Itani said the JDHES school council had submitted an application for a grant to run a two-segment workshop/seminar style session for parents/guardians of students in local elementary schools - one in late fall 2018, and another in early spring 2019. The workshop is centered around TLDSB's Feed All Four initiative (<https://tldsbc.ca/feed-all-four/>). Costs include guest speaker fees, materials for workshop attendees, childcare during the workshop, and light refreshments.

Itani adds the council applied for the maximum amount, “indicating in the application that JDHES council would partner with SBES to optimize resources, given that the cost of many guest speakers exceeds the funding maximum available to individual councils, and, in pooling our efforts and resources, we could find efficiencies while reaching a broader audience.”

So far, there have not been any event cancellations, she wrote. However there has been planning for the “possibility of cancelling, rescheduling or finding another way to make things happen, given that it's mid-November and we have no information on status of the ‘pause’ other than media coverage on the issue.”

Itani said her council has discussed the possibility of making up the difference with fundraising, but acknowledges the fiscal challenges with this action.

“The challenges we face are that there are other, ongoing school fundraising initiatives that we both compete with and support, and,

we already rely on the generosity of volunteers and leverage financial and in-kind donations from across the community. So, we need to be thoughtful in our approach, and have more work to do as we consider the options on how to achieve our goals in the absence of this funding,” she wrote.

In Minden, this decision by the provincial government was met with frustration said Archie Stouffer Elementary School parent council chairperson Jessica Noble

“We use this money for parent engagement and education,” she said. “Historically we have hosted event nights where we invite parents and the public to come and gain knowledge on certain topics, ranging from mental health, wellness, healthy living choices and physical activity, with the option to meet and get with local agencies who provide supports. We also have held fun nights where we have offered different fun activities to engage parents and students.”

Noble started on council six years ago because of her eldest of two sons. Noble said for the last six years she's served the council has applied for and used the grant.

Last year, the parent council used the grant to hold a “fun night” with information on cyber bullying, which included guests such as service providers and the OPP, who provided education about the dangers of social media to the parents/guardians to keep children safe. Events based on healthy living and supports were also held.

The grant was also used to support school-led initiatives such as the Leadership Day, which is related to Feed all Four philosophy outlined by the TLDSB, when students are empowered to be leaders by taking visitors through the school.

Although the parent council will still be able to contribute to the event from money made through past years' fundraising, the lack of grant money means there will not be an evening education component like last year.

Another result of the paused funding is the cancellation of engagement night that was scheduled for the spring. Last year the theme was social media while other years it's been based on mathematics, or just a fun night.

When asked about bridging the financial gap left from the “pause” of provincial funding, Noble said the generosity and support the corecommunity during fundraisers is key to providing options to the council.

“We're lucky enough to still have some funds to supplement events like Leadership Day, but it will affect parents in the way that they won't be able to ... they won't have that extra night when they can come in and just talk openly with the teachers (and principal) ... In all the nights we've hosted we've always brought in community members like service

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providers like mental health service providers,” she said.

Some of the guests are representatives that parents may not otherwise have access to, and they will lose an opportunity to ask questions of those people.

“Allowing them resources for things not only for their children, but education for themselves as well and how to stay healthy. Mental health supports and that sort of thing. Strengthening the family unit as a whole is important to our school and our parent council. It’s important to keep parents engaged in their children’s education,” she said.

The school council has met since the government’s decision, but at this time nothing concrete has been established.

One of the ways Noble hopes to change the mind of the provincial government to bring back the funding is by signing the Ontario Association of Parent in Catholic Education online petition: <https://www.ipetitions.com/petition/pro-grant>. The goal is 1,000 signatures.

The petition reads, “Since 2006, the Ontario government has supported our 22,000 PRO grants to school councils and over 900 regional / provincial PRO grants. This is a total investment of \$34.7 million to help increase parent engagement at the local, regional, and provincial levels. Now the provincial government wants to put a pause on this very important funding, impacting parent engagement a key part of their children’s learning and of Ontario’s success in education.”

Noble has seen a lot of benefits for everyone in the community with events funded by the grant and asks the government to reconsider its decision.

“Push play because this grant is so important in engaging children. It gives children the opportunity [to say] ‘Hey, this is important to us. We want to learn more about this.’

It gives parents the opportunity to reach out to the school, to other parents, it gives them social opportunities, it gives them the opportunity to be involved in their children’s edu-

cation and have a say so all of that is really, really important and this grant allows us to give that opportunity to parents,” she said.

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MINOR HOCKEY

Novice Storm squad tie at home, win on road

On Saturday, Nov. 17, the Haliburton Timber Mart/Hockey Haven Sports Camp Highland Storm Novice hosted the Parry Sound Shamrocks at the A.J. LaRue arena. During the first period Henry Neilson scored the first goal, with the assists going to Isaac Trotter and Matthew Scheffee. The Shamrocks responded late in the period to tie the game 1-1. The second period was a back and forth battle with numerous Storm scoring opportunities, but the Parry Sound goalie consistently managed to keep the puck out of the net. Early in the third period the Shamrocks broke free at the net, but an amazing save by Carter Braun kept the game tied. With 4:41 remaining in the game, Neilson scored an unassisted goal for the Storm, but Parry Sound quickly responded with a goal of their own. The end result was a 2-2 tie.

The Novices travelled to Huntsville on Sunday to take on the Huntsville Otters. The Otters started strong taking two goals early in the first period. With just over a minute left in the first, Isaac Trotter put one in for the Storm. In the second, Luke Gruppe got one in with a back hand shot. The Otters tried to fight back with a breakaway, but Carter Braun saved it under his pads. In the third period, the Storm's defensive unit of Easton Burk, Jack Tomlinson, Ethan DeCarlo, and Jaxen Casey, did a great job holding the line and keeping the play in the offensive zone. Henry Neilson put one in the net for the Storm, followed by a second by Gruppe and assisted by Max Rupnow. Evan Perrott passed the puck to Gruppe in the defensive zone who took it the length of the ice to earn a hat-trick. Good luck to the Novices next weekend at the Walt McKecknie Fall Classic Tournament.

By Sara Gruppe

The Bancroft IDA/Parkview Dental Midget Girls Jets Tie And Experience First Loss

On Saturday, Nov. 17, the Jets hit the road to face the Lindsay Lynx. The Lynx scored two quick goals early in the first period. The Jets worked hard and their determination paid off with a tie 2-2. Late in the second period, Beth Brownlee made a shot that sent the puck going over the Lynx goalie and to ensure a goal, Drew Rupnow tapped it in. In the third, and in the opponents' end, Liv Martin from the face off drew the puck back to defenceman Natalie Hunter who fired one into the net.

Sunday, Nov. 18, saw the Jets face the West Northumberland Wild on home ice. Both teams played hard and exchanged opportunities going end to end the entire game. Unfortunately despite all of their efforts the Jets experienced their first loss of the season. Gabby Burnett shot a back hand pass in front of the net forcing the puck to bounce off the Wild's goalie and teammate Haley Goulet was able to tap it in resulting in the Jets only goal of the game. Final result Wild 2, Jets 1.

Chloe Burnett was solid between the pipes for the Jets in both games. Sadly, Burnett suffered an injury in the second game and we wish her all the best for a speedy recovery.

This coming weekend the team will travel to Kitchener to participate in the Kitchener Lady Rangers Tournament. Good luck Jets!

Winning weekend for the Jets

The Leveque Bros/Rock Breakers Pee wee girls Jets travelled to Lindsay on Saturday to take on the Lindsay Lynx. With 5:23 left in the second period, the first goal was scored by Emma Pitts and was assisted by Sydney Fergusson and Riley Brownlee. The second goal was scored by Maryn McMann

and was assisted by Autumn Winder and Lara Gallant. The third goal was scored by McMann and was assisted by Winder and Gallant, bringing the second period to a 3-0 end for the Jets. The third period brought more goals for the Jets. Avila Townsend scored and was assisted by Pitts and Brownlee. Then the second goal was scored by Fergusson and was assisted from Kaylee Jessup, which led to the final goal for the Jets from Winder, which was assisted by Gallant and McMann. The pee wee girls Jets then travelled to Peterborough Sunday to take on the Ice Kats.

The first goal was scored by Mable McCue-Dixon and was assisted by Rane Osborne and Hope Trotter. The second period brought another goal for the Jets. It was scored by McMann and was assisted by Winder and Gallant. During the third period, the Jets scored again. Maya Woods scored and was assisted by Brownlee, ending the game 3-0 for the Jets. The pee wee girls Jets are back home against the Otonabee Wolverines on Sunday, Nov. 25. Puck drops at 4:30 p.m.

By Jenn Jessup

Minden showcase Atom LL talent

With bragging rights on the line, the Storm's GJ Burch Contruction LL Atom1 hosted the Storm's TD Canada Trust Atom2 in Minden. In an exciting, end to end first period it wasn't until Atom1's Layne Robinson and Jacob Davis combined to spring Brody Hartwig on a breakaway. Hartwig made a sweet move and scored with a 1:20 remaining.

Second period scoring started when Burch's Olivia Gruppe set up Eric Mueller. Then seconds later it was Maxime Little and Isaac Borgdorff getting assists on Taylor Mulock's first goal of the game. Down 3-0 the TD atoms determination was obvious. Kamauhl Casey-Russel started the scoring off for TD assisted by Logan Reid. Two minutes later Logan Burks determination and digging power was able to power his stick threw traffic to Owen Megrah-Poppe, who sent a clean pass to an open Eric Bird to find the back of the net.

Then only 21 seconds left in the second period Megrah-Poppe was able to get possession of the puck, passed it up to Eric Bird, who made a perfect pass to Logan Reid, which resulted in a game tying goal, 3-3.

The third was a heart stopping see-saw battle.

The TD atoms struck first. Ethan Rowe passed up to Bird, who found Reid for his second of the game. Not to be out done, Taylor Mulock got her second of the game on the penalty kill assisted from Jacob Mantle. During the same power play the TD atoms would take the lead again as Bird battled along the boards and found Casey-Russel's stick, which resulted in a quick pass to a wide open Reid for his very first hat-trick ever.

The Burch Atoms were down but not out, Mantle took the puck and then skates through everyone and tied up the game unassisted. Then 14 seconds later Mantle scored again. This time from Hartwig and Robinson, making it 6-5 for the Burch Atoms.

The pressure was on. There were scoring chances on both ends. Both Atom teams showing there determination to bring home the win. With 32 seconds left on the clock, it was TD's Reid getting his fourth of the game from Casey-Russel and Bird tying the game 6-6 for the final.

By Jamie Lloyd and Chris McMartin

Highland Storm Atom A hit the road after pair of home losses

The Ridgewood Ford / Cottage Country Building Supplies Storm Atom A team had two home games here in Haliburton. Friday nights game was versus the South Muskoka Bears.

With both teams trying to get something going the first period, it ended scoreless. The second period saw the Bears open up the scoring with some fast skating and quick shots to end the rushes netting two goals. The Storm answered back with a goal by Josh Scheffee following up a Jace Mills' shot. It was assisted by Austin Latanville. With four more unanswered goals in the third, the South Muskoka Bears built a 6-1 lead to end the game.

Sunday's match up featured the Millbrook Stars coming to the A.J LaRue Arena. The first period opened up with some great action with Storm netminder Chase Winder stopping a few solid chances at the home end. Three minutes in and Millbrook got another scoring chance in front and lifted it in. The Storm seemed steady in their breakouts getting a few chances, but no goals as a reward. Period two the Storm started one goal behind and the second ended the same despite three solid chances by the Storm offence. The third period had the Stars benefit from a bad change in the Storm offensive end, resulting in their third goal off the blue line. The game ended in a 4-0 loss. The Storm are back at it on Tuesday on the road in Oakwood taking on the Mariposa Lightning.

By Pasi Posti

Storm's novice local league squad edge out Huntsville

The Highland Storm Bright Woods Landscaping Novice Local League played against Huntsville Davicor Saturday, Nov. 17.

The first two periods were dominated by the Storm offence with Brody Hartwig landing the first goal of the game with only 1:29 left in the first period, assisted by Tyler Hughes from Vincenzo Condro. The Storm stayed strong throughout the second with Hartwig completing a hat-trick landing two goals, one unassisted and the other assisted by Matthew Fairey.

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When: Friday, November 23rd, 11:30 .am. - 1:00 p.m.
Where: St. Paul's Anglican Church 19 Invergordon Ave. Minden
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Christmas Luncheon

When: Friday, Nov. 30, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Where: Our Lady of Fatima Church, 7 Bobcaygeon Rd. Minden
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When: Wednesday, Dec. 5 at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 8 at 2:30 p.m.
Where: St. George's Anglican Church
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Minden: Community Christmas Luncheon

When: Thursday, Dec. 6, noon to 2 p.m.
Where: Minden Legion
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Haliburton Highlands Land Trust Open House and Enviro-Hero Awards

When: Thursday Dec. 6, 1 to 4 p.m.
Where: HHLT Office, 739 Mountain St. Haliburton
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MINORHOCKEY

With only 2:55 left in the game, Davicor scored their first goal on a power play and again just 55 seconds later landed their second making it a 3-2 game with only two minutes remaining. Davicor pulled their goalie and the crowd was on their toes for the last minutes of this game. Goaltender Carter Knapton made some great saves and the Storm fought through and came out with the 3-2 win.

By Cheryl Hamilton

Storm Bantam edge out Elmvale

On Friday, the Highland Storm Pepper Mill Steak and Pasta House and Dollo's Foodland Bantams hosted the Elmvale Coyotes. The Storm continued their winning streak at home with a 5-1 win. Goal scorers were Dylan Keefer (two), Kyan Hall (two) and one by Nick Phippen. Assists were from Kain Brannigan, Gage Hutchison, Evan Armstrong, Jackson Wilson and Matthew Wilson.

On Sunday, the Storm travelled to Omemee to face the Kawartha Coyotes. The Storm led at the the end of the first period with one goal scored by Hall and assisted by Wilson and some fast defensive moves by Hutchison. The Coyotes came out in the second period determined for a win and came back tying the game 1-1. At the top of the third the Storm responded with another goal scored by Keefer and assisted by Phippen and Hall. The Coyotes quickly responded with two more goals making it 3-2. With four minutes left on the clock Hutchison scored from the top of the blue line assisted by Kolby McGovern and then 30 seconds later Hall was able to put another one past the Coyotes goalie for the game-winner, making it a 4-3 final for the Storm. Wish the team luck as they travel this upcoming weekend to Pembroke for the Bantam Silverstick tournament.

By Jessica Lloyd

Midget Storm shut out Coyotes

The Highlander and Ed Smolen Family Dentistry Highland Storm Midgets shut out the Elmvale Coyotes 5-0 on Friday, Nov. 16 in Minden. The Storm team dominated most of the first period, with some great rushes, passes and shots. The first goal came while on a power-play, Haedicke and MacNaull controlled the puck behind the net patiently waited for the opportune time.

The puck was sent to Robinson, who was open in front and he easily chipped it in. A few minutes later the Storm got lucky with a fluke goal. Davies took a long shot outside the blue line and it trickled in, ending the first period 2-0. Early in the second period, Haedicke intercepted the puck, sped passed the defense and top cornered the third goal. The Storm team continued to roar and made it a 4-0 game. It was Haedicke on the rush, he slammed a shot off the back board that gave Robinson a nice rebound that he banged in.

The third period saw lots of back and forth action, dominated mostly by the Storm. Elmvale's aggressive efforts gave the Storm a five on three power play and Gilbert capitalized on it with goal five late in the period. Elmvale continued to push and Carson Sisson stood strong in net to secure the 5-0 shut-

out win. The Storm Midgets have a busy weekend ahead of them on Friday. They play Huntsville Otters at 8:30 p.m. in Haliburton, on Saturday, Nov. 24 they take on the Parry Sound Shamrocks at 6 p.m. in Minden and on Sunday they head to Huntsville to take on the Otters.

By Suzanne Haedicke

Peewee Storm win big at home arenas

The JoAnne Sharpley Source for Sports/ Haliburton Family Medical Centre Highland Storm Peewee A's hosted the Brock Wilds at SG Nesbitt Memorial Arena on Tuesday evening. The Storm dominated this game with two goals scored in the first period by Addison St Cyr. In the second Cheyenne Degeer scored a goal. In the third the Wild tried to fight back scoring an early goal. The Storm responded when Austin Boylan scored a goal a minute later and St Cyr scored another to finish with a hat trick to make the final score a 5-1 win for the Storm.

On Saturday, Nov. 17 the JoAnne Sharpley Source for Sports/ Haliburton Family Medical Centre Highland Storm Peewee As hosted the Elmvale Coyotes at the AJ LaRue arena. The first period started off slowly, but with six minutes left St Cyr scored and than minutes later he scored his second. The coyotes came back and scored a goal, but with only 40 seconds left St Cyr scored his hat trick goal. The game was 3-1 going into the second. The second was all Storm. Austin Boylan scored a power-play goal, followed by another goal by St Cyr and Colby Coumbs, who scored a power-play goal at the end of the period. The game was 6-1 going into the third. Early in the third Isaac Lee scored his first goal of the season, but the coyotes answered shortly after and then Cooper Coles scored the final goal making the final an 8-2 win for Storm.

On Sunday, Nov. 18 the JoAnne Sharpley Source for Sports/ Haliburton Family Medical Centre Highland Storm Peewee A's traveled to Huntsville to face the Huntsville Otters. The game was very even, as there were no goals scored until the beginning of the third and it was by the Otters, but Addison St Cyr scored a goal for the Storm and the game was tied. And it stayed tied. The final score was 1-1. A shout out goes to great goal tending by Taylor Consack.

On Nov. 23 the JoAnne Sharpley Source for Sports/ Haliburton Family Medical Centre Highland Storm Peewee A's travel to Orono to face the Orono Leafs.

By Amber Card

Local League Peewee teams square off

On Saturday, Nov. 17 the Walkers Home Hardware Local League Peewee team took on hometown rivals the Canadian Tire Peewee team at the Minden arena. After a great first period Walker's Home Hardware's Nathan Harrison scored at the two minute mark assisted by Daniel Stephens and Wyatt Raposo. Into the second the game was back and forth and Walker's Home Hardware's Alex Hendry scored another assisted by Spencer Bowker. During the third period Walker's Home Hardware Weston Bowker scored his first goal of the season assisted by Hendry. Adam Davis had some amazing defensive plays throughout the game. The final score was 3-0 for Walker's Home Hardware giving Aaron Neave his first shut-out of the season.

By Marita Bagshaw

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Hillary gets warm welcome in Minden

by Jerry Grozelle

The opportunity to meet a world famous adventurer drew more than 700 people of all ages to Archie Stouffer Elementary School on November 6.

Sir Edmund Hillary, who is best known as the first man to reach the summit of Mount Everest, paid a visit to Minden on the invitation of the Minden and Haliburton Rotary Clubs. Hillary was a member of the first motorized party to reach the South Pole and he has also scaled other mountains that presented unusual challenges.

The visit to Minden was a fund-raiser for the Sir Edmund Hillary Foundation. The Canadian Foundation, which was founded by former pro football player Zeke O'Connor, raises funds to build schools, hospitals and medical clinics in Nepal. It also provides funding for a reforestation program in the Himalayas. O'Connor gave a brief overview of the foundation's goals.

The Haliburton County Concert Band and the Times Four Saxophone Quartet entered

tained the audience prior to Hillary's presentation. As a special treat, Nima McElhinney Sherpa, formerly of Nepal and now living in Hamilton, Ontario, performed a traditional Nepalese song and dance.

Dr. Mingma Gyelzen Sherpa and his wife Phulhamu Sherpa accompanied Hillary. Dressed in traditional clothing of Nepal, they were available to talk to those who attended the function. The doctor expressed the appreciation of the people of Nepal for Canada's support in providing education and medical aid through the Sir Edmund Hillary Foundation.

Hillary's presentation included a slide show with some spectacular photographs from actual treks on Everest and other formidable mountains. It also showed the people of Nepal and what has been accomplished there with the help of Canadian funding and support from many other countries.

"I spend almost no time at all thinking about what happened in the past," Hillary told the audience at ASES. "There's

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Hundreds lined up for autographs from Sir Edmund Hillary Nov. 6 at Archie Stouffer school in Minden. Minden and Haliburton Rotary clubs arranged for Hillary's visit. The event was to raise funds for school and hospital projects in Nepal.

Hospital stays open

Emergency ward hours reduced again

By Andrew Milne

Minden hospital's hours of operation will be reduced to 12 per day, effective the end of the month.

The 12 hour operation will continue at least until the end of the fiscal year, at the end of March, 1996.

St. Joseph's of Peterborough, Minden's parent hospital, had announced last week that the facility would be closed. The Ministry of Health (MOH), however, in meetings with St. Joseph's November 8, told St. Joseph's they could not reduce the hours of operation of the emergency ward below 12 hours per day.

St. Joseph's said the move was due to financial pressures, brought on by the necessity of bringing physicians to Minden from outside the community in order to keep the wards open.

No additional financial support has been pledged by the ministry in concert with the decision. St. Joseph's has previously stated that continuing to run the ward for the rest of the year, in the absence of local doctors, would force them into running a deficit of hundreds of thousands of dollars, on top of the Minden facility's relatively modest \$1.3 million annual expenditures budget.

Foster Loucks, director of the hospital, says he ex-

pects the 12 hour operation will be manageable, from a staffing point of view. Some of the doctors currently on the rotation, especially some coming from as far away as Barrie, might decide it's no longer worth their while, he says, but he expects enough doctors will be interested in staffing the hospital to keep it running.

The Ministry's move, says MOH spokesperson Paul Kilbertus, was due to information in a preliminary draft of the local Acting Health Services Board's (AHSB's) role study, which strongly suggested 12 hours are the absolute minimum hours of service for an urgent care facility in Minden.

Kilbertus also said the Ministry was surprised and disappointed at St. Joseph's announcement of last week.

Community leaders expressed qualified relief at the development.

Said Somerville Township reeve John Huke of the service reduction, "Well it's certainly going to create problems. There's no doubt about that... But I think it's great that it's going to stay open, even if it's only 12 hours. I guess half a loaf is better than none."

Areas of Northern Victoria county along the highway 35 corridor will be as much as 50 km from an open emergency ward during the hours Minden is closed.

Ambulances will not generally be routed to the facility, and the blue highway signs marking the facility will be taken down.

Paul Heffer, chair of the AHSB, said he was also relieved. The AHSB has previously stated that, should Minden's facility be entirely closed, it would make it extremely difficult for them to set up urgent care in the area after they take over responsibility for the hospitals — an event expected sometime in 1996 or 1997.

Said Heffer, "We definitely needed the support of the Ministry to go forward with our initiative. If everything had been shut down here, people would have been so discouraged about the health care availability in the community, it would have been just devastating."

Heffer also said the current situation is less than desirable.

Said Heffer, "There's certainly going to be perhaps times when you won't have the optimum coverage that we would like to have in place. The ambulance service people are definitely aware of the reduced numbers of hours, and they do have some time to plan around that as far as how they will handle that. It may require moving some of their ambulances around, having them on

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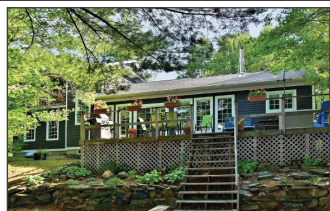


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